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1. On the afternoon of 12 April 1948, German police from the Russian Zone moved into the Russian Sector of Berlin and established roadblocks at several points inside the sector.
2. The zonal police were clearly distinguished by their blue uniforms, as contrasted to the gray of the Berlin City Police. Units from Stralsund and Brandenburg have so far been identified.
3. The Police Praesidium and the Public Safety Committee of the Kommandatura were not notified by the Russians. The entry of zonal police into the Berlin sector constitutes the most serious violation of Berlin quadripartite rule to date.
4. Full details are not known, but the move was foreshadowed by a Russian complaint against the Berlin Police for not stopping the alleged shipment of goods to the west from the Soviet sector.

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[] Comment: This may be the final step toward integration of the Soviet Sector of Berlin with the Russian Zone. If so, it would probably break up the Allied Kommandatura.)

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